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CHRONICLE OF VIOLENCE

On March 13th, a letter was given to women at the Sacramento Women's Center. It contained information describing the end of one nightmare and the beginning of another. The nightmare or more accurately, the twelve day story of pain and fear, began on February 21st for two young women from McClatchy High School. The following is a capsulized account one young woman gave of those twelve days.

Feb. 21: She left Sacramento with a friend and drove a family car to Oakland to meet two men she knew who had offered her a place to stay while she searched for a job. Her mother reported her missing and the car stolen on this day.

Feb. 22: One of the young men told the women he was a pimp and during a discussion of prostitution, the young woman stated her unwillingness to prostitute herself.

Feb. 23: She was beaten and put on the street as a prostitute.

Feb. 24-March 4: She worked as a prostitute, was beaten twice and not given anything to eat.

March 1: Mother called the Sacramento Police and expressed concern about her missing daughter. She was told that the officer preferred talking to fathers because "women tend to get too upset", and received additional callous treatment.

March 4: The young woman, aided by a sympathetic customer, escaped and returned to Sacramento.

March 5: The young woman contacted her family and returned home. Police were notified of her return and dissuaded the family from pressing charges. The Police did not take a statement or pictures of the young woman's battered body. One of the young men was seen on McClatchy Campus inquiring about the young woman. The stolen car report, taken on Feb. 21, finally reached the Oakland Police Department.

March 7 & 8: Police produced pictures for identification and finally came to take the young women's statement.

March 13: A friend of the mother went to Sacramento Women's Center telling of harassment of the family by young men and non-responsiveness of the police.
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Photo by Pat Gargaetas

EDITORIAL: Call it Terror

Jaci White & Lynn Patten

Women are submissive, passive and cautious members of society, a role forced onto us by men. This role is complicated by societal attitudes towards violence and battering, and intensifies the vulnerability of our sex. Men assume the right to physically abuse, rape and terrorize women and this assumption is supported by an antiquated system of justice which refuses to intervene or prosecute. Men and legal statutes refuse to deal with overt crimes against women, but also the American culture allows women to be victimized through traditional laws. Violence against women is not only socially accepted, it is nurtured by a system that refuses to acknowledge its existence.

Violence has forced women into isolation; physical isolation--fear to leave their homes alone, and emotional isolation--fear to share their terror. Women cannot speak freely of being

raped. Men have taken away our self-esteem and destroyed our pride by sexually victimizing us. They have isolated us from one another by making us whores, wives or bitches. Rape, prostitution, and battering affects all women. Those who can afford to ignore the violence can continue to believe that it doesn't exist. When it happens to them, they are isolated by the same system. These women are further traumatized by guilt, since somehow it must be their fault. They are doubly victimized. Isolation, fear and guilt are at the core of our cultural acceptance of violence against women. As long as we women assume the role of victims, refuse to resist, or demand recognition of abuse, we will remain isolated and guilty. As long as our society refuses to acknowledge physical violence as the atrocity it is, we will continue to be emotionally raped and physically abused.

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LETTERS

Gibbous RISING,

In reference to Sacramento Union coverage March 3, 1978, Harold C. Anderson Trial:

Well, shades of K.K.K., John Birch, Red Necks of America, Adam and Eve, and Lawdy Lawdy Miss Scarlet, God forbid that I, born with my inside plumbing should ever come before Judge Raul Ramirez expecting the justice promised me under the constitution of the United States of America.

Be glad he did not hear the Manson Case or we might have read "Charlie, you have suffered enough, when a woman is involved, I always blame these things

on women and maybe I shouldn't. And maybe I should know better. etc.etc.... Yeah Raul baby you should!!!

Sincerely WOMAN

P.S. I pray everyday that you are not married and that, God forbid, that you have daughters.

(See update for more information on Ramirez).

Gibbous RISING,

My complements to your paper and especially, (the) editorial. Your paper contains good and solid news and definitely a valuable piece to keep around the house or in your purse.

I think Gibbous RISING has given women order in society. Thank you for

Gibbous RISING.

As a result, I will pass your paper around so that others can appreciate it as I did.

Angela Lavrigata

Dear Sisters:

We think (Gibbous RISING) is a fine paper with some excellent reporting. It is quite refreshing to read news from a woman's point of view rather than the male biased daily newspapers. We want to thank you for putting CAMPING WOMEN'S schedule of events in G.R. It is indeed a warm feeling when sisters reach out to help other sisters. We have gotten a good response from people reading GR--so keep up the good work. Obviously there are a lot of us out here who need such a paper.

Charlotte Williams

Emily Mast

COMMENTARY: Feminist Witches Censored

Twice in March, 1978, a Sacramento printer became a censor, refusing to print copies of a leaflet advertising a Feminist Witchcraft Workshop at CSUS in mid-April.

In early March, just before International Women's Day, I entered the office of The Copy Center, at 20th and J Streets, in downtown Sacramento. I placed an order for 50 copies of the leaflet about the three-hour Feminist Witchcraft Workshop that I will conduct on April 15. The order was accepted. The owner of the shop, a young man, then read the leaflet and said he didn't want "that kind of business". After some argument, he agreed to print copies already ordered, but insisted he would not accept further business from me.

Upon further questioning, he admitted that it was "mostly the word witchcraft"

not the word "feminist", to which he objected. He agreed that he didn't know much about feminist witchcraft, but declined my invitation to attend the workshop and learn more about it. I told him he was prejudiced, since he was prejudging a subject about which he knew nothing. He then said he wanted my name, for the receipt records. I told him: "If you don't want my business, you don't need my name".

A week later, on March 15, Colleen Moreland, a Sacramento feminist, entered The Copy Center with an order for copies of the same leaflet. The same man refused the order. She told him that his attitude seemed to come from the 18th century, and that he was acting as a censor. When Ms. Moreland said "You sound as though you're still in the 1800's", she was told, "Well, I guess I am." The man also said there

had been another "girl" in with a similar leaflet, and he had refused to print copies of it. He suggested going to other printers.

Prejudice against witches, like all prejudice against women, still thrives. One way to combat it in Sacramento is not to patronize The Copy Center, or any shops with similar attitudes. As Colleen Moreland noted: "There may be alternatives for those women here in Sacramento, but what about women in towns where there's only this one type of printer? And We wonder why women's things don't appear in print!"

Ann Forfreedom

EVENTS

Since March, the United Women of Color (UWOC) has started two new projects. A Dessie Woods Coalition with the objectives of informing the local community of Wood's plight has been formed. We hope to raise funds to support the National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods defense efforts.

We need participation in achieving our objectives and will be interviewing women for the volunteer position of coordinator of UWOC.

UWOC is forming a softball team. We are looking for women who are interested in playing and willing to pitch in \$5.00 for league fees. We are also in need of a sponsor.

For information and sign-ups call Marie or Wanda at 422-4657.

Joan Reiss is running for the 6th Assembly District against Leroy Green, the incumbent. We will be having a fundraiser for Reiss in early May where Josette Mondanaro and Epharim Margolin, attorney at law, will speak. The speakers will be followed by a dance and spirits. Call Linda Birner for information 456-5858.

The news of Josette Mondanaro's battle for re-instatement is no longer on the front page of the paper, but she still needs your support. A Fund-raiser to help defray the cost of attorney's fees will be held in late April. The movie "The Word is Out" (a documentary of the lives of 26 gay men and women, produced by an all woman film team) will be shown. Watch for flyers or call Linda Birner 456-5858.

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ERA

The term "Human Rights" has become a commonplace phrase analogous to equal rights or ceasing prejudice or discrimination. Unfortunately, the term has already slipped into a class of meaningless political rhetoric. Or perhaps it is still true that equality belongs to the select few. Whatever the reality of the situation, women are being denied their "Human Rights".

We as women are not only experiencing constant forms of prejudice daily, but we are now being subjected to the denial of our rights by an arbitrary deadline. 1979, the seven year deadline imposed by Congress in 1972 will only momentarily stop women from pursuing their rights if the Equal Rights Amendment is not ratified. The National Organization for Women has filed legal briefs with Congress asking that the deadline for ratification of the ERA be extended past 1979.

The organization contends that there is no ruling in Article V of the Constitution which prohibits Congress from extending the deadline. It should also be noted that the seven year deadline for ratification of amendments is to prevent them from floating indefinitely when they have become irrelevant because of political, economic, or social change.

Judging from the reaction of Pro-ERA and anti-ERA groups it is difficult to imagine that the ERA is not a relevant issue. Pro-ERA groups have organized a boycott of all states that have not ratified the amendment. In response to this the states of Nevada and Missouri have filed suit against NOW charging that the boycott has harmed the welfare of their states. Attorney General List of Nevada said, "Our women and minority workers get hurt from this type of economic blackmail." List made no attempt to take responsibility for

state legislators who refused to vote for the amendment in his eagerness to place the blame of economic discomfort on NOW. Hopefully other states will understand the importance of economic pressure as a political expression as the boycott continues.

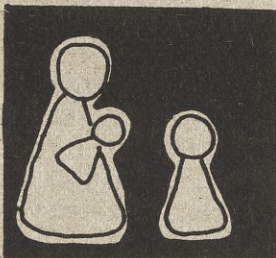
So far organizations that are boycotting Las Vegas as a convention center are: American Home Economics Association, the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, the National Clients Council, the Speech Communications Association and the American Education Research Association. Also the Los Angeles Police Department voted 6-14 not to send officials to the Law Enforcement Convention being held in Las Vegas.

Lynn Patten

Thank you to Sacramento NOW's ERA Task Force for providing information.

READ THE LABEL

Nestles



In reaction to the Nestle's bottle-feeding advertising campaign in third world countries boycott:

- *Taster's Choice
- *Nescafe
- *Nestea
- *Nestle's Quik
- *Nestle's Crunch
- *Libby, McNeil, Libby Products
- other Nestle's products include:
- *Souptime
- *Decaf
- *Stoeffer products
- *Maggi Products
- *Swiss Knight Cheese
- *Jarlsberg Cheese
- *Croos & Blackwell Products
- *Deer Park Springwater

Anti-ERA

Boycott these products because the manufacturers do not support the ERA:

- *Coors, *Arco, *Carls Jr.
- *Hunt/Wesson, *Mary Kay Cosmetics

Boycott these states for not supporting the ERA:

- *Alabama, *Arizona, *Arkansas, *Florida
- *Georgia, *Illinois, *Louisiana, *Mississippi, *Missouri, *Nevada, *North Carolina, *Oklahoma, *South Carolina, *Utah, and *Virginia

Don't forget Kentucky--they just rescinded the ERA.

Coors



Coors has been cited by the National Labor Relations Board for an unfair labor practice in refusing to bargain in good faith with the union. Coors apparent motive is to destroy the union.

Coors also generously supports organizations which oppose the rights of women, third world and gay people.

Florida Citrus

California NOW urges everyone to boycott Florida Citrus Products in protest of Anita Bryant's continued employment by the Florida Citrus Growers Association.

Boycotted Products are:

- *Alpha Beta
- *Vons
- *Cal Fame
- *Ralph's
- *Treesweet
- *Minutemaid
- *Vita Pakt
- *Jerseymaid
- *Tropicana

Anita Bryant has felt the pressure of the boycott. She has had a tremendous drop in her career since the Dade County anti-homosexual ordinance which she led was passed. She has had no secular concerts, only bookings for fundamentalist revivals, although the Florida Citrus Commission did renew her \$100 thousand/year contract.

Tuna



During the last 15 years over two million porpoises have been killed by the tuna industry. Make a resolution for a porpoise. Read the label and boycott light meat tuna. Also write your Congressperson c/o House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 and ask for help. Demand that the Marine Mammal Protection Act be enforced.

Boycott Japanese products because Japan leads the world in destroying whales.



J.P. Stevens

The following products are produced by J.P. Stevens under a variety of labels. To support the strike by women textile workers, boycott these products. Beauti-Blend, Beauticale, Fine Arts, Peanuts (comic strip), Tastemaker, Utica, Utica and Mohawk, Designer labels: Yves St. Laurent, Angelo Donghis. Towels: Fine Arts, Tastemaker, and Utica. Carpets: Contender, Gulistan, Merrweather, Tastemaker. Table Linen: Simtex, Hosiery: Finesse, Hip-lets and Spirit, Draperies: J.P. Stevens.

ABDC...

The Bakke Decision is a California Supreme Court Ruling. It threatens to end special admissions programs, affirmative action, and other similar programs on campuses, in our communities and work places across the country.

Minorities and women, especially minority women, will be directly hit.

In September 1976, Allen Bakke, a white male engineer won a suit charging "reverse discrimination." The suit alleged that Bakke was a victim of "reverse discrimination" caused by the U.C. Davis Medical School's special admissions program. It charged that Bakke was rejected because he's white and that "less qualified" minority students were admitted through the program.

Since 1973 Bakke had applied to and had been rejected by 11 other medical schools, and twice by U.C. Davis. Encouraged by Peter Storandt, one of U.C. Davis' administrative officials, Bakke filed a "reverse discrimination" suit.

While thousands of students apply to U.C. Davis Medical School, only 100 are admitted annually. Out of these 100, 16 slots were held for 'disadvantaged' students, most of whom are Third World. In a state where the minority population is 30%, those reserved slots still only represent 1/4 of parity. It took the active resistance of people in the sixties to gain these concessions from the ruling class. How quickly the concessions are retracted when the climate calms!

The Bakke Decision has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. Thousands of people across the nation are gathering forces to oppose the decision- to inform and educate the millions of people who will lose jobs, benefits and educational opportunities, if the court rules in favor of Bakke. Already, the Superior Court of San Francisco has ruled that the affirmative action program of California Dept. of Corrections is "reverse discrimination". This case alone immediately affects over 2,000,000 state employees. Nationally, over 2,000 Bakke related cases have been brought to court in the last year and a half.

Why do we need affirmative action for women?

Women, are the most oppressed and exploited group in U.S. society. Historically, the owners of profit motivated industry have used women as the threat of replacement by cheap female labor to keep other workers quiet. In the colonial period as indentured servants and slaves, women and minorities were an important source of labor. "Free" women were in great demand as wives and mothers in the "New World" to breed the needed labor force for a developing country. Women had few, if any, legal rights at the time- not even legal custody of their children.



J. Marie

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As the industrial revolution began and mass production became predominant, women were called out of their houses and into the factories to fill the low paying unskilled jobs. For a sector of society that had been working from sun up to sun down for no pay at home, this chance for "paid" (3¢ an hour) employment appeared to be real freedom. However, it wasn't long before the new workers realized their exploited condition. Men made 5-15¢ more an hour, factories were unsafe and unhealthy, long hours, and the pressure to constantly increase production became unbearable. But the bosses knew the value of their "cheap" labor force, and backed by the government, (in the form of militia, Army and National Guard), was able to frequently suppress union organizing drives.

But the guns couldn't kill the growing hatred of oppression and exploitation in the soul of women and men workers. On May 1, 1886 (International Workers Day, which is still celebrated the world over to this day), 350,000 workers took to the streets to demand an end to the 12 and 14 hour work day. The 8 hour day was won for many, and through this struggle thousands of workers' joined the forces of organized labor.

Women and minorities, however, were still not accepted as equals to white male workers. Many unions (already controlled by bureaucrats) systematically excluded them from membership and the struggle continued.

Capitalism, the economic system of this country, is based on ever increasing profit making. Because of this, there is a constant need for new markets, new resources and new sources of cheap labor. Wars have been fought over the control of those materials in other countries. When war breaks out and the men workers are sent to fight, women are called into the factories to continue the profit making for the bosses at home. When the wars are over the women are told to go home. The time slogans of "patriotic duty" and the image of Rosie the Riveter are replaced with the ideology that "women are needed at home" and "non-whites and immigrants are taking away jobs of this country's citizens". Thus, the industrial bosses

are assured of a reserve labor force. It's beneficial and desirable to keep this labor force of women and minorities out of higher education. During the 1800's the ruling class opposed free public schools because as one owner put it, "who will till the soil, who will build the railroads, who will sweat in the factories if all people are educated?" Today a free public education system exists, but women and minorities are not only socialized to view themselves as inferior, but are also systematically tracked into sex-stereotyped and unskilled positions. Where do women end up as a result of our educational system? At the University of California, in the fields of physics and engineering, black women and chicanas constitute .07% and 0% respectively in graduate school programs. Of the 175,400 apprentices in the US, women hold only 1344 (.08% of the positions.) In 1974, women comprised 17.8% of medical school admittants. And the median earnings of year-round, full-time women workers is only 58% of what men earn, having fallen from 64% of twenty years ago. Consequently, 'the bosses' need for a reserve labor force, and the institutionalized sexism and racism of the educational system have kept women and minorities in our oppressed and exploited position in society.

The mass movements of Third World people and women in the 1960's demanded the redressing of past discrimination through affirmative action. We fought hard and won many gains: affirmative action programs on the job, Women's Studies and Ethnic Studies programs in the schools, and special programs in the communities. We've been forced to continue to fight to maintain those gains in the face of budget cuts and political harassment by the government, bosses and funding agencies. The Bakke Decision threatens all of those gains, but even more fundamentally it would establish the legal concept of "reverse discrimination" which would

BAKKE

legally negate the historical oppression of women and minorities. The Bakke Decision says to us that women are equal to men, and Third World people are equal to whites, and therefore, there's no need for institutionalized "checks" on discrimination. We know that's a lie- our day to day lives show that and we must fight against this attack upon women and minorities.

The anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC) is nationwide and includes over 100 students, workplaces, and community and women's organizations. The ABDC is currently planning a nationwide mobilization against Bakke in the Spring.

The local ABDC Chapter in the Sacramento area is doing broad outreach to help mobilize and educate people about the Bakke Decision. The local chapter does presentations to interested groups, holds house meetings, educational forums, potluck dinners, etc. Meetings are every other Monday at the Japanese Community Center at the corner of 6th and V St.

-Anti- Bakke Decision Coalition-

On February 19, 1978, 650 people and delegates from 150 organizations joined together in the National Anti-Bakke Conference in Los Angeles, sponsored by the Anti-Bakke Decision Coalition (ABDC). Representatives from New York, Boston and New England, Atlanta, Ohio, Tennessee, Chicago, Texas, Hawaii, and from numerous cities throughout California, charted out the basic strategy for a Nationwide Spring Offensive Against the Bakke Decision to broaden the mass movement and resistance in the coming period.

The Nationwide Spring Offensive includes a series of continuous programs and actions on a local and regional level during the months of April and May. They include:

- *A unified march on Washington, D.C. on April 15.
- *A Week of Struggle/Semana de Lucha, May 6-13.
- *May 6-7th Local and Regional Programs and Actions.
- *Support and coordination with Cinco de Mayo Events on the West Coast.
- *Major West Coast-wide Mobilization Against the Bakke Decision May 13th, in San Francisco.

The National Anti-Bakke conference and the plans for the Nationwide Spring Offensive marks another important step forward for the entire anti-Bakke movement. These activities will continue to focus on the demand to overturn the Bakke Decision, but more importantly, will link up to the many ongoing struggles against discrimination and national oppression taking place on the campuses, in the communities and workplaces.

BAKKE & WOMEN

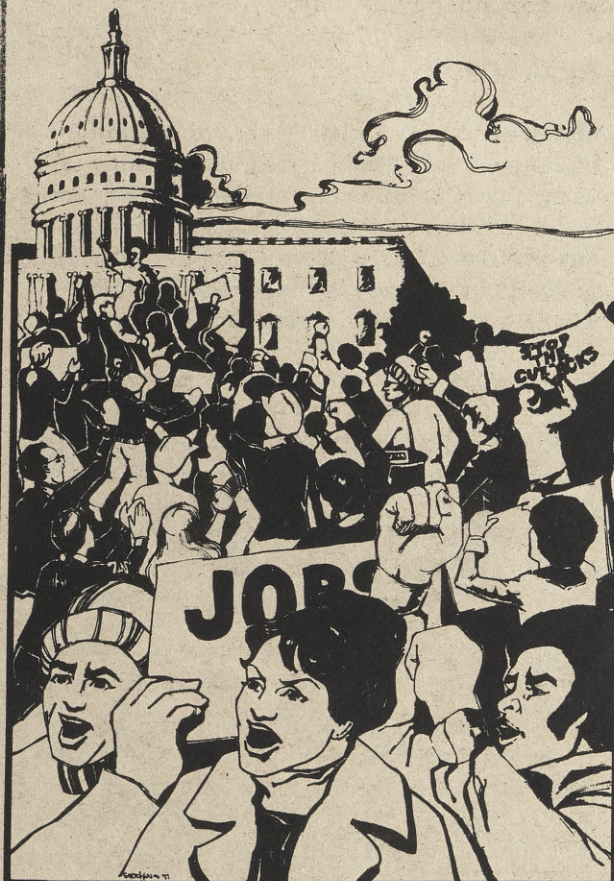
The Bakke Decision does not only relate to the oppression of Third World peoples, but also directly affects women. Women are oppressed in very specific ways, especially on the job. They are forced into underpaid, low-status, dead-end work and often their work is an extension of the woman's role in the family; like food processing, garment making, health service, and clerical work. One half of all women workers work in 21 of the 300 job categories, and 1/4 work in only 5 categories out of the 21. Between 1964 and 1975, women gained only an additional 2% of skilled craft jobs where office and clerical work grew. Women now account for 1 out of every 20 skilled craft workers but are 42% of the entire paid labor force. Until the Civil Rights movement, Third World women were excluded from service related work and limited to the most underpaid and menial of jobs.

Women must fight against the Bakke Decision. Because the Bakke Decision supports the system that oppresses women, a blow against the Bakke Decision is a blow against women's oppression! Bakke's claim of "reverse discrimination" promotes women's and Third World people's oppression by denying that inequality exists and attaching the idea of redress for past and present discrimination. Establishing the legal precedent of "reverse discrimination" will make affirmative action illegal, and that is a direct attack on women's struggle or equality!

So where does the Bakke Decision leave women? It establishes the legal precedent of "reverse discrimination", so maternity leave and protective legislation for women can be attacked as reverse discrimination against men. Affirmative action on the job and in training programs will of course come under attack, even though women are segregated within the workforce.

The Bakke Decision may threaten special admissions, counseling, tutoring, and supportive services for women students. This would include special programs for women who are entering school after being in the home for several years. Women's studies, in addition, would come under attack even though women have literally been erased from any history books ever used in school. Women's Centers, Child Care Centers, and any community services or programs that meet specific needs of women may face difficulties in funding and operation if the Bakke Decision is upheld.

And lastly, but of great importance to many women, is that our children will be affected by a decision making special consideration of women and minorities illegal. After all, how many ways are there to improve peoples' lives? The Bakke Decision is just decreasing those ways even more. Only by all of us coming together can the Bakke Decision be stopped. Thousands of people across the country have already joined the anti-Bakke movement and the numbers are growing.



Calendar

April 1 •

Basic Ski Touring sponsored by Camping Women. 10am - 4pm. Bring your own lunch. Camping Women 2720 Armstrong Dr. Sacramento 95825.

April 3 •

Sacramento City College Women's Center will present a workshop on doing your own Dissolution from 7-9pm. Sign up in the Women's Center or phone 449-7534.

Billie Jean King vs. Martina Navratilova Challenge Tennis Match at Memorial Auditorium. This match is a part of a nation wide Tennis Challenge Series. Tickets are \$5.50 and can be bought at the Community Center Box Office and Florin Rd. Center.

April 4 •

Parenting, a 4-part class covering aspects of parenting: values clarification, communication skills, resolving conflicts, and planning and organizing within the household. From 7:30 to 9:30pm. Cost is \$20.00 or \$35.00 per couple. To register call the Learning Exchange 452-3919. Facilitator is Mary Deuel.

A Support group for military wives will be sponsored by Sacramento City College Women's Center from 3-5pm. Register at the Women's Center.

April 5 •

The Sacramento Women's Center and Bookstore, Inc. will have a Board of Directors meeting. It will be a pot luck and the movie "A Woman's Place is in the House" will be shown. Board elections will also take place. 6:30 at the Sacramento Women's Center.

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April 6

A Women and Relationships is meeting to discuss difficulties in any relationships at the Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H St. at 7:30.

April 7 •

Lesbian Rap will be held at the Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H Street at 7:30.

Who, What, Where, How? is a clinic on Women's Programs in California Community Colleges, a drive-in conference at Consumnes River College. Register at Sac. City College Women's Center or Sac. State or contact Grace Mitchell at Consumnes River College.

April 8 •

Horse Meadows Ski Tour from 10am -6pm. Contact Camping Women for info. Registration fee to members \$5.00, non-members \$7.50. Bring your own lunch and register by April 5, Camping Women, 2720 Armstrong Dr. Sac. 95825.

Federally Employed Women, a nationwide organization to promote opportunity and equality for women in government will hold its Spring Western Regional Conference at the LeBaron Hotel in San Jose. Workshops will focus on ratification of the ERA and Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke will speak. Registration is \$21.00. Send it to P.O. Box 90 Moffett Field, Ca. 94035.

The art of Psychological Self Defense: Taking Care of Yourself is a workshop at Sacramento City College from 10-lpm presented by Irene Dempsey. The workshop is for people who want to learn how to be in charge of themselves and feel good about it. The workshop is sponsored by Project Reach and will be held in WG234. Sign up by calling 449-7534.

April 9 •

Women Writers Film Festival, McKenna Theater, San Francisco State University from 1 am-6pm, sponsored by Women's Studies at S.F. State. Tickets available at Old Wives Tales, Artemis, A Women's Place, Everywomen's Bookstore and Modern Times Bookstore.

April 10 •

Sacramento City College Gay People's Union presents Gay Awareness Week April 10-15. April 10 "In the Best Interest of the Children" a film about lesbian mothers and child custody at 7:30pm in Main North 258.

April 11 •

Gay Awareness Week at Sacramento City College "Right of Gays" a video tape at 12 noon in Main North 267. At 7:30pm in Main North 258 "Dangers of the Briggs Initiative to You".

April 12 •

Gay Awareness Week at Sacramento City College. "Parents of Gay People" a video taped interview at 7:30pm in Main North 258.

Conversation: The E.R.A., sponsored by the Stockton Women's Center, 116 West Willow, 465-4325 7:30 to 9:30.

Amateurs Jam Session 8pm at the Dreaming Iolanthe, 1907 16th St. Bring your instruments.

April 13 •

Gay Awareness Week at Sacramento City College. 12 noon Conan's Band will play in the student lounge. 7:30pm "Minority of the Third Kind" and "Are All Gays White and Male" will be topics of a workshop in Lillard Hall 201.

Women and Relationships

Women and Relationships is a rap group discussing difficulties in any relationship- these meetings are held Thurs. nights 7:30pm. Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H St. Call 442-4657, ask for Roxanne.

April 14 •

Gay Awareness Week at Sacramento City College. "Homophobia" a short and sassy comedy by Le Theatre Lesbien at 7:30 and 8:30 at the Little Theater. \$1.50 at the door.

"Women's Oppression-Women's Solutions" Davis Women's Alliance for Change presents this conference to focus on women's issues.

Margo St. James, founder of COYOTE will speak on organizing. Register by calling 758-5058 or 756-1222 or writing P.O. Box 1011 Davis Ca. 95616. Child care provided.

April 15 •

Feminist Witchcraft: an introduction to the Old Religion. 1-4pm Placer Rm. University Union, CSUS \$2.00.

Gay Awareness Week at Sacramento City College presents a Gay Dance from 8:30 -12:30pm in the Student Lounge. \$2.00.

"Women's Oppression-Women's Solutions" conference in Davis (See April 14). All day workshops and speakers with a women's dance at 9:30. To register call 758-5058 or 756-1222.

Gayle & Friends-Treth, Jaye D, Penny, and Cinnamin at Earharts, 1905 16th St. Sacramento, Ca.

Special Parenting is a workshop facilitated by Mary Deuel which deals with problem solving for parents in situations which are especially challenging or difficult. Cost is \$10 or \$15 per couple and will be from 10am-3pm. Register through the Learning Exchange 452-3919.

April 16 •

Local Women Filmmakers: Alta, Ann Hershey, Allie Light will show and discuss their work at the Roxie,

3117 16th St. San Francisco at 12am. \$2.00 at the door goes for a women's building in S.F.

April 17 •

California State University, Sacramento Gay Student Union presents Gay Awareness Week April 17 to 22. Art Show and Poetry Readings from 8am-4pm in the Oak Rm. at CSUS.

April 18 •

Massage Workshop with Elise Smith at 7:30 pm at Tommyknocker Day Care Center. Contact A Woman's Place P.O. Box 40-1 Grass Valley, Ca. for info.

Gay Awareness Week at CSUS. Art Show and Poetry Readings 8am-4pm in the Oak Rm. at CSUS and Film and Discussion 11am-1pm and 7pm to 11pm in the Senate Chambers.

April 19 •

Gay Awareness Week at CSUS. Open Gay Panel 11am-1pm in the Outdoor Theater and Speaker Josette Mondanaro from 7-10pm in the Redwood Rm., CSUS.

April 20 •

Gay Awareness Week at CSUS. Mime: Casey, 12-1pm in the Redwood Rm. and Speakers from 7-9pm in the Redwood R. CSUS.

"Women, Culture and Society: Current Studies" is a research conference being organized by the Academic/Research Office of the Davis Women's Center. For info. call Janet or Lyn at 752-6546.

Women and Relationships is a rap group discussing difficulties in any relationship- these meetings are held Thurs. nights 7:30pm. Sacramento Women's Center 1230 H. St. Call 442-4657, ask for Roxanne.

April 21 •

"Women, Culture and Society: Current Studies" sponsored by UC Davis Women's Center. See April 20 for info.

Gay Awareness Week at CSUS. Le Theatre Lesbian presents "Homophobia" a short and sassy comedy, 8-9pm Playwrights Theater.

April 22 •

Gay Awareness Week CSUS. Workshops from 9am to 3pm and a dance (live music) from 8-12am in the Redwood Rm at CSUS.

The Bicycle Barn is sponsoring a bike ride from Lake Merced to Golden Gate Park. Call Harry Gifford at 488-5353 for more information.

April 23 •

"In the Best Interests of the Child-

ren" and "Word Is Out" outtakes at the Roxie 3117 16th St. San Francisco, 12am \$2.00 at the door to benefit a women's building in S.F.

April 24 •

Conference on Domestic Violence in San Francisco. For Info call (415) 557-2645 or 265-5121.

April 25 •

Conference on Domestic Violence (See April 24 for info)

Women & Alcohol Abuse 7:30 at Tommy Knocker Day Care Center. For info. contact A Woman's Place P.O. Box 40-1 Grass Valley, Ca. 95945

April 27 •

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April 29 •

Canoe Skills Session -- a two day skills session covering basic paddle skills and maneuvering techniques; canoe safety, canoe carrying and practice on lakes and river. 9am to 4pm daily, bring your own lunch. Cost: members \$34.00, others \$39.00. Deposit of \$15.00 is required. To register contact Camping Women 2720 Armstrong Way, Sacramento, Ca. 95825.

April 30 •

Canoe Skills Session by Camping Women. See April 29 for info.

Film Festival sponsored by Stockton Women's Center 116 West Willow from noon to 5pm \$2.00 general admission.

Films of Women Activist including "Mosori Morika", "Angela Davis: Portrait of a Revolutionary", "Union Maids" at the Roxie 3117 16th St. San Francisco, Ca. 12am. \$2.00 benefit for a Women's Building in S.F.

Battery, Abuse, Rape

Is there a relationship between the increase in violence against women and the continued media portrayal of women as victims/ This is the subject of a slide show available for presentation by the Women Against Violence Against Women task force of the National Organization for Women.

The slide show presentation is available for day or evening meetings. Please contact the Task Force for an appointment to share this with other concerned women.

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Announcements

Women's Solutions

On Friday and Saturday, April 14 and 15, the Davis Women's Alliance for Change will present a conference- Women's Oppression-Women's Solutions. The purpose is to focus on a broad range of women's issues. The conference will be free and professional childcare will be provided. Workshop topics will be:

1. Introduction to Feminism
2. Feminism and Women of Color
3. Women's Health Care; Taking Back Our Bodies.
4. Women's Students Developing a Social Identity.
5. Feminist Political Theory
6. Surviving in Non-Traditional Jobs.
7. Feminism and the Family
8. A Case for Matriarchy: How and Why Women have Lived Independently of Men.
9. Experiencing Spirituality- a Feminist Approach to Religion.

Participants are urged to pre-register by calling (916)-758-5058 or (916)756-1222 or writing P.O. Box 1011, Davis Calif. 95616. Those needing childcare should also reserve space ahead of time by calling 756-8735.

Interested In Videotape?

A small group of women that grew out of the No. Calif. IWY Support Coalition have taken the responsibility of pulling together a video presentation of the National Women's Conference. There are over forty 1/2 hour tapes that need to be edited down--care to help on the project? Tasks needed to be worked on are the following: fundraising, research, distribution, publicity and viewing and editing. Call for information; Judy-415- 282- 6109 Fury-415- 826-4056

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Rape Bills

Approxiamately 800 women a month report rape in California; 9,552 were reported in 1976. Many more were unreported. The rising incidence of rape and sexual assault is of such magnitude that the Bureau of Criminal Statistics has said one out of every 2.8 women in L.A. County, over the age of fourteen will be raped at least once in her lifetime, if the estimated rape rate of 1972 continues its trend.

Rape, once the subject of bar-room humor is a stark reality. The victims are not laughing, their families are not laughing. Women are caught in a wave of fear and terror which leaves them prisoners in their homes and communities. The victims of the East Area Rapist, the Hillside Strangler and Stinky have dramatically emphasized the desperate need for additional rape reform legislation.

Senator Alan Robbins has introduced ten bills this session dealing with rape.

*SB1714 would make available permanent state funding (\$850,000) to rape counseling programs and rape hotlines. The state would provide up to one third of the operating costs of these programs. *SB1710 would make optional self-defense training available in P.E. classes in junior and senior high schools. It would provide funding for in-service training for teachers which would include consciousness raising about woman-hate in society, legal rights and personal responsibility, violence in America and where to turn to for help if raped. *SB1713 would protect the right of a victim to have a confidential conversation with a rape counselor. *SB1711 would provide financial assistance to victims of rape and other violent crimes. *SB1712 would protect victims of forced sodomy and forced oral copulation from having their prior sex lives discussed in court.

*SB1715 would require mandatory sentencing for any repeat rapist and prohibit any opportunity for probation. *SB1716 would require the Department of Health to conduct a study of the number of rapists who do receive psychiatric counseling and evaluate that counseling. *SB1717 would protect the victims right in the courtroom to have a person of her choice present throughout the trial. The Robbins Rape Legislation goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee April 18, 1978 (1:30pm Rm. #4203). Passage of this bill depends of your support. Similar legislation was defeated last year because it was too costly. After another year of unsolved murders, rapes, and sexual assaults, will our legislators still proclaim the cost of rape prevention programs prohibitive? REMEMBER: Every woman has a 50% chance of being raped sometime in her lifetime and the odds are getting worse.

GR



Dessie Woods is still in prison and appealing conviction of murder charges. Her first appeal was denied last November, but a habeas corpus appeal has been granted in early April. Dessie's lawyers and support groups are planning to appeal to the Appellate Federal Court in Macon, Georgia, the 5th District Court in New Orleans and the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. if necessary to obtain justice for Dessie Woods.

The habeas corpus appeal demands that the court explain why they are holding Woods. It is a tactical move to show nationwide support for Woods and to demand her freedom. On the day of the appeal there will be demonstrations nationwide (contact Dessie Woods Support Coalition, Box 71, San Anselmo, Ca.).

Support letters demanding justice for Dessie Woods are still needed. Send copies of your letters to Andrew Young, President Carter, Governor Busbee of Georgia, and include infor-

mation on local efforts to help Dessie.

In February, 1978 a national meeting of Dessie Woods support groups was held in Atlanta, Ga. Goals of the meeting included intensifying and consolidating efforts to free Dessie Woods, regionalizing Dessie Woods committees, getting international support for Dessie, exposing the myth of the new South, advancing the liberation movement of black people, advancing the progressive North American Women's movement, creating a national and international plan of action, and freeing Dessie Woods.

A co-ordinating council for national work and regional, state and local structures was designed. Members come from Maine, New York, Florida, Kentucky, Georgia, and California. The structure and plan of action which came out of this meeting include the habeas corpus appeal and a July 4th march and demonstration to protest Carter's stand against human rights violations in other countries when he ignores them here in the states. Along with the demonstration in July there will be a march from Hawkinsville, Ga. to demand freedom for Dessie and all political prisoners.

The National Committee to Defend Dessie Woods also unanimously decided to support and publicize the cases of Assata Shakur and Sundiata Acoli, black revolutionaries.



Roxanne Gay Ruled Insane

Roxanne Gay has been ruled "insane and suffering from delusions" by a New Jersey Judge and has been confined indefinitely in Trenton State Psychiatric Hospital. Gay has stated she was the victim of numerous brutal beatings by her husband and that she killed him in self-defense.

Chris Arguedas, a legal worker for Gay explained that the reason that Gay pleaded insanity was that the courts evidentiary rules and procedures do not address women's experiences. She said that very often battered women do not have enough evidence to prove that battery occurred; they have no witnesses, can't go to the hospital when their husbands beat them up, and can't produce police reports because police don't respond to their pleas for assistance. Arguedas added that the law doesn't recognize that women many times are forced to defend themselves "against brutal attacks by men who are often their husbands". GR

One Rapes the Other Doesn't

A male defendant challenged the constitutionality of Hawaii's rape laws by contending that the law was unfair because it punished men for rape while specifically excluding women.

Judge Laureta dismissed the challenge stating that it was physically impossible for a woman to have intercourse with a man against his wishes. The Judge ruled

that if a man gained an erection, this in itself was an indication that he was a willing partner, not a victim.

A Clinical psychologist and a urologist testified that a man can be forced to have an erection against his will, but the Judge dismissed their statements, ruling that Hawaii's rape laws punishing only males, is constitutional. GR

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Milk White

The state of California has refused to stop the milk industry's \$1.4 million "Milk White Is In" advertising program even though petitions contending the program was "racist, sexist and anti-consumer".

The petitions were collected by the Consumers Union of the United States, California Citizen's Action Group, National Organization for Women, and Black Women Organized for Action. The petitions called the advertising program a "racist, sexist and anti-consumer campaign which conveys the message that beauty, vitality, and desirability belong exclusively to white women. GR

Who Finances Anti-Abortion?

As part of its legislative program the National Abortion Rights Action League has monitored the vast sums of money raised by the Anti-Abortion Movement. This monitoring program has revealed that one anti-choice organization--The National Committee for a Human Life Amendment--has raised \$906,404.00 from January 1976 to March 1977 alone. The donors who have given over \$10,000 are as follows:

*Archdiocese of Boston, Ma.	\$15,000
*Diocese of Brooklyn, NY	\$10,000
*Diocese of Buffalo, NY	\$12,000
*Diocese of Cleveland, OH	\$13,500
*Diocese of Hartford, CT	\$16,000
*Diocese of Los Angeles, CA	\$10,000
*Archdiocese of New Orleans	\$11,600
*Archdiocese of New York, NY	\$20,000
*Diocese of Providence, RI	\$12,000
*Diocese of Rickville Center	\$10,040
*Diocese of San Diego, CA	\$10,673
*Archdiocese of St. Paul, MN	\$10,000
*Diocese of Wheeling, WV	\$20,000
The Diocese of Sacramento, Ca. gave \$3,224.00. GR	

'When a Woman is Involved'

Judge Raul Ramirez of Sacramento, ruled March 2 that a police officer had "suffered enough" and blamed women for Police Officer Anderson's troubles. Officer Anderson had called in a false report of shooting and screaming at a Deputy Sheriff's home. The reason for the false report was that the Deputy Sheriff was going out with Anderson's former girlfriend.

Judge Ramirez said "I think what happened...was a very stupid thing and a case of bad judgement. (These things happen) when a woman is involved. And I always blame these things on women and maybe I should know better. In any event, I think you have suffered enough."

Officer Anderson was fined \$320 and lost his job with the Sacramento Police Department. GR

Abortion Bill

Abortion bill, AB2063, which would deny medical recipients abortions except to save a woman's life or in the case of rape and incest, died in the Assembly Health Committee. BUT, signatures are now being collected to make AB2063 an initiative on the June ballot. GR



Akron's Anti-Abortion Act

The City Council of Akron, Ohio passed an anti-abortion ordinance requiring a woman to be shown that the fetus can squint, frown, swallow, and make a fist before the woman can have an abortion. The ordinance also states that patients under the age of 18 would have their parents notified. Other provisions are that there has to be two doctors present, one to care for the patient, and the other to care for the fetus, and the fetus would have to be turned over to a funeral director. The anti-abortion group that created this ordinance hopes that this measure will become a model for all cities. This ordinance has not only added extra expenses to having an abortion, but is trying to make the operation emotionally impossible. GR

Briggs Crusading for Signatures

State Senator John Briggs is crusading to collect over 300,000 signatures necessary to qualify an anti-gay initiative for the California primary election. His supporters have until May 1st to place the initiative on the ballot.

The initiative would require school boards to "refuse to hire as an employee any person who has engaged in public homosexual activity or conduct". This means that school employees who are gay or who advocate gay rights can be fired.

Advertisements offering 20¢ per name collected on petitions are appearing in Southern California newspapers. For further information contact the Bay Area Committee Against the Briggs Initiative, 330 Grove St., SF, Ca. 94102.

"The Longest Walk"

On February 11, 150 Native Americans began walking from Sacramento to Washington D.C. to focus attention on the meaning of 11 bills now before the House and Senate. The bills, if passed, will bring about the destruction of the Indian community by the loss of land, treaty rights, ceremonial sites, hunting and fishing rights, hospitals and clinics, and schools and scholarships.

The walkers were joined by 200 Navahos in Pueblo Colorado on March 25 and have increased in numbers as they march to Washington. They hope to reach Washington by early June. Support is needed! Donations can be sent to D-Q University, P.O. Box 409, Davis, Ca. 95616. GR

Midwifery

The Midwifery Practice Act. (AB1896), a significant step toward decriminalization of alternative childbirth practices, goes to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee on April 5. If it passes, it will probably come before the entire Senate in late April or May. Although the current form of AB 1896 is not the blueprint for change originally hoped for, it does acknowledge the right of every woman to choose a competent midwife to assist her in having a safe and uniquely special child birth experience. The bill proposes that the Department of Consumer Affairs operate a pilot project to evaluate midwifery as it is now practiced. The defeat of AB 1896 would be a major setback for any future revisions in laws governing midwifery. GR

Sodomy vs Rape

In Honolulu, a female jogger was raped after being run down by a car and threatened with broken glass. District Judge Robert Richardson ruled that the woman did not show enough resistance to the rape and tossed the rape charge out of court on the grounds of insufficient proof of rape. He then convicted the rapist of sodomy.

Seven hundred people rallied at the courthouse asking the State Supreme Court to consider the fitness for office of Judge Richardson. GR

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over homemade food. Some day, I
shall learn to fly and also see
Seiji Ozawa in concert.

Victoria Luna

morning song

graceful as a dancer dawn lifts
her veil, her ballet perfecting
a crimson sway. cool shadows
stretch
from extending horizon;
silent mountains from chilled
mists rise.

morning song: the hum of hopeful
wing riding across the heavens
heralding another birth
enhanced by dawn's transience,

by

an earth-held breath in nature's
arms.

her crystalline tears come to
brief

rest upon untended web,
meadow leaf, stalk and stone.
slowly,

beyond measure, nocturnal
life

yields to the brilliance of
distinct

becoming forms, to the loss
of protective fog from the
field

once a midnight candle with cloud,
lingering crescent surrenders
to commencing solar reign.

dawn's ambience transcending, with
golden glance the sun dance begins.



rock splendor with
ageless eloquence
speak in colors
of layered descension,
of endless stone
from your silted river
whose indian relics
and power plants
intercept alluvial
journey to mexico.

tangerine desire's death

aside from all else
shared, what strange
fruits we are:
for the colors we crave
still bind us
while disappointments
sting.

contentment

once grew here,
budding
from tears
and thorns ignored

the winter blossom
we nourish now
anticipates
a citrus
spring.

moving

with no dependence
upon a past spent,
you step away
to seek new cares
armed
with imagined strength
till your fences dry.

a simple life
with few regrets,
you slip into
another's mind
left
by one unknown
to complicate yours.



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Julia

The film is a vivid reaction of the original story Lillian Hellman included in *Pentimento*; a story almost included as an afterthought. Her uncanny grasp of reality through the use of stark intuitive narration evokes immediate and timeless images that are as vital as life itself, and I credit them to a woman who cares deeply enough about human beings in an illusive world.

As a film, "Julia" has its flaws, but nothing that can mar its overall feeling of completeness. Those of us who expect near perfection from landmark films such as this one, will certainly find areas of discontent. But there are issues raised that I can't accept. The major complaint with critics, (including *MS* magazine!) is their unwillingness to accept the relationship between these two brilliant women; Julia and Lillian (who Jane Fonda plays so brilliantly), openly adores Julia; but she clobbers a male acquaintance she is having a drink with, after he makes a reference to her and Julia's "suspicious" sexuality. Lillian has just returned from Europe where she has seen Julia brutalized, and shuttled from one hospital ward to another. In this light, the comment is not only insignificant, but deliberately cruel, and intolerable. She knocks the guy on his ass and dumps the table on his head, not to protest an untruth, but to defend something much more than that. Call it what you will, anyone who is foolish enough to debate the issue, is assuming that speculation is a base for criticism. It has no significance.

There are wonderful scenes, flashed back from Lillian's memory, of Julia's great wealth and privilege, that would threaten to become too gauzy, if it were not for the fact that Julia sees things on a down-to-earth level, and has the insight to get out from underneath its influence, and leave it behind. Lillian accepts this, but she is stung by an independence that forces Julia away from her again and again.

Julia, (Vanessa Redgrave is a "wow") comes to us in brilliant flashes of light. She is driven by forces unknown. We no sooner get to see her, and she is gone. We have no solid opportunity to know this illusive woman. We have to rely on Lillian to tell us who she is, and Lillian is a woman of few words.

We see these two women, caught up in their own lives. Lillian is the one we can focus on clearly. We see her struggling as a newly successful playwright; getting smashed, throwing her typewriter out the window, walking nervously along the beach, alone, hanging onto Dash., gnawing out her insides - a woman filled with anger - trying to deal with life on several conflicting levels; in love with two very independent people. Once Lillian has sensed that Julia has forfeited her schooling to work and live in the obscure and deadly shadow of Fascism, with-

in the European-Jewish underground, she, and we, are hurled into an unbelievable world of political out-rate.

Her obsessive and frightening search to contact Julia, and help her in her cause is one of the most eloquent tributes to love that I have seen in years. All of the ambiguities and frustrations are there, the inspirations and the terrible loss is there also.

One scene, some have termed as false bravado, shows in flashback, a strong and beautiful young Julia, guiding Lillian through an experience that unexpectedly turns out to be a life saving act. Because it did not happen in truth, does not make it false bravado. In the context of symbolism, the person who demands us to be our own selves honestly and creatively, is in effect saving our lives, by igniting our souls. It is here that Lillian's consciousness crystallizes.



This young Julia tells Lillian not to be heroic for blind reasons. Years later both women are reunited under that very premise. And it is here that Julia tells Lillian to never let anyone take her anger from her, because she loves it. It is Lillian, and it is beautiful.

This is Julia's declaration of love and faith in the human spirit. And for that, Lillian carries a tribute in her heart.

J. Marie

Pink Collar Workers

Pink Collar Workers; inside the world of women's work by Louise Kapp Howe. New York, Putnam, 1977.

Pink Collar Workers is an in-depth analysis of the realities of work for the large majority of women in the United States who are stuck in low-paying, low-prestigious, non unionized jobs. Howe tells us that despite the headlines touting employment break-

throughs for women, the facts are somewhat different. While stories about women firefighters and welders tend to make their readers believe progress is being made, in fact, "the rate of occupational segregation by sex is exactly as great today as it was at the turn of the century." While more women are in the labor force than ever, the increases have come mainly in the traditional female employment ghettos of clerical and sales work, where wages are rock bottom, turnover is high, and benefits are nil. It is these "pink collar" fields of work--beautician, sales worker, waitress, office worker, and homemaker, that Howe Explores. She talks and works with women in these jobs, and, unlike most economists, listens to what they have to say about the quality of their lives and the difficulties of their jobs.

She talks to beauticians who, after completing a 1600 hour training course, make \$1.85 an hour, and who, if business is slow, aren't paid at all. She works as a salesperson in a large department store over the Christmas rush, who for eight hours a day is never allowed to sit down. She meets Ingrid, a waitress whose boss periodically yells at his employees to "move it you dumb bitch," and Bonnie, an office worker in a company whose skilled clerical employees are being replaced by machines the bosses wish the women workers would act like. And she talks to homemakers who work all day for nothing, not even accumulating social security benefits, and then work nights at the same wages they earned ten years earlier in jobs like computer programmer.

The picture that emerges is chilling. And, as Howe points out, the rhetoric with which the politicians and polemicists usually approach solutions -- "it is time to give all women a chance at self-fulfillment" -- has little relevance to the cashier who sees her primary need as a chair to sit on, the waitress who must change into her uniform in a broom closet because the restaurant owner won't provide locker rooms, or the beautician whose only available union is controlled by male proprietors and managers.

We see the dilemma of the working mother (the fastest growing category of women workers) who must precariously balance her time between job and family is made to order for employers who reap enormous benefits from a readily available pool of skilled, part-time/temporary labor, comprised of women who can be hired and fired at will, who have no union protection, low pay, low or non-existent benefits and no opportunity for advancement.

Howe offers no solutions, suggests no organizing tactics, no concrete ways of beginning a process of change, but she provides ammunition for those who do want to organize for change, and an analysis which shows that the oppression of women workers in this country is no sociological accident but an integral factor in the functioning of its economic system, and suggests that reforms which do not confront this system at its root are doomed to failure.

Whitney Rogge

CHRONICLE (con't)

March 14: Rape Crisis Project Director called the police to check on police reaction and action. The police respond that they are having problems with jurisdiction as the incident took place in Oakland. One of the young men came to the door of the young woman's home and threatened the family. The police responded after several calls by family and Rape Crisis.

March 15: The police wired the house and tapped the phones as an attempt to end the harassment.

The Women's Center investigated the family's allegations of non-assistance by the Police Department and heard the Police Department's conflicting stories that the family had been treated negligently, but five detectives had been assigned to the case. But, even at this point, harassment of the family continued, unchecked by police. On March 19, concerned women held a rally at McClatchy High to let the community know about the incident and the non-reaction by police. Concerned parents and the Sacramento Women's Center and Bookstore, Inc. (Rape Crisis, Women's Information Service and United Women of Color) joined in demanding that the police, schools and community respond to the problem by:

1. Arresting men who are enticing young women into prostitution,
2. Providing sexual assault programs on every high school campus,
3. Opening up communication between parents, schools, police and students,
4. Investigating problems of jurisdiction and loitering ordinances by citizen's task forces, and
5. Implementing a more effective security system on all school campuses.

Parents of other missing high school students attended the rally and spoke of incidents similar to the one related above. Task forces were initiated and the demands are to be taken to city and county governments for action.

On March 22 the demands made by the Sacramento Women's Center and Concerned parents were taken to the Human Rights Commission. The Commission endorsed the demands and passed a resolution to conduct public hearings on the subject in April.

'Women Belong on Top'

American Women's Himalayan Expeditions, Inc., a group of ten of the U.S.'s most experienced female mountain climbers are planning to climb Annapurna, a peak exceeding 26,000 feet in October of this year.

The expedition is estimated to cost \$80,000. The group is hoping to raise these funds through donations and the sale of Annapurna T-Shirts which declare "Women belong on Top". Post cards which are autographed by the climbers and carried to base camp will be sent to anyone donating over \$15.00. Information and donations can be sent to AWHE, 846 Lathrop Dr. Stanford, Ca. 94305. GR

Homophobia

On Friday, April 14th, in recognition of Gay Awareness Week at Sacramento City College, Le Theatre Lesbien will premiere "Homophobia," a short and sassy comedy. Two performances will be given at 7:30p.m. and 8:30p.m. in the Little Theatre. Tickets are \$1.50 at the door. There are no advance sales. Because of limited staff, Le Theatre Lesbien regrets child care will not be provided.

As part of Gay Pride Week there will be another performance at the playwright's Theatre, C.S.U.S., 8 p.m., Friday, April 21st.

"Homophobia," A one act farcial comedy, written by Cherie Gordon and La Marc Duchamps is a documented Lesbian account of past and present herstory turned into herlarity. The plot is simple: two lesbian mothers battle the forces of evil--St. Paul and Anita Bryant-- who are using Christianity to further their careers. There are many surprises throughout the play--DON'T MISS IT!

Women's Production Company

We are trying to form a collective Women's Production Company, to put on concerts and theatrical productions in this area. If you have lighting or sound technical experience, or if you are just interested in being involved, please contact Mary Jane Calay in Davis as soon as possible. Phone 758-8766.



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